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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

After three long years of litigation Microsoft and the Department of Justice have reached a settlement regarding the antitrust suit. I believe that this settlement will be both beneficial and fair not only to the industry as a whole, but also to Microsoft and the federal and state governments. However, for this settlement to be beneficial, it is necessary that it is actually implemented. After the comment period, I urge you to quickly enact the settlement for greater benefit of the slowing economy.

This settlement is fair and reasonable and was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. Not only that, but a settlement such as this will ensure that the industry continues to deliver advanced technology to the market by fostering competition, which in turn fosters new ideas.

This has gone on long enough. All of this action at the federal level must be stopped, so that Microsoft can go to product development, rather than going back to court. Thank you, and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

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